

Gather

Purchase locally grown foods to be served in meals and snacks or even take kids on **farm field trips** to provide the kids with access to healthy, local foods and educate them about where foods come from.

[“Local Procurement for Child Care Centers”](#) is a fact sheet from the Farm to School network that has **5 options for purchasing local** and **tips about serving local foods** in meals and snacks.

[“Crops in Season”](#) provides the **seasonal availability and typical harvest times** of various crops in Florida and a produce shopping list by month from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

[“Community Farmers Markets Locator”](#) allows for a center to **browse for nearby farmers’ markets** throughout Florida by county, city, or zip code.

[“U-Pick Farms”](#) provides a **map locator** of farms throughout Florida in which you **can pick your own fruits and vegetables**, a great idea for a hands-on field trip for children.

[“Community Supported Agricultures \(CSAs\)”](#) are a **partnership between farmers and consumers**, which can be utilized to ensure consistent and affordable access to locally grown produce. This site lists most of CSAs in Florida and **information to join a CSA** as well as **when and where CSA farms products can be gathered**.